



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a **renewal** of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Trenton Canyon Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of **Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0095112** is:

**NEWMONT MINING CORPORATION
TRENTON CANYON PROJECT
P.O. BOX 388
VALMY, NV 89438**

The facility is located on both public and private land in southeast Humboldt County and northwest Lander County, within portions of Township 32N, Range 42E, Section 1 and Sections 10 through 15; Township 32N, R43E, Sections 6, 7, and 18 through 20; Township 33N, R42E, Section 36; and Township 33N, Range 43E, Sections 20, 21 and 28 through 33, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 10 miles southwest of the town of Valmy, Nevada, and 12 miles west of the town of Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The project consists of a mining and cyanide heap leaching facility, designed to extract gold, at a maximum permitted rate of 8.2 million tons of ore per year. The existing mining operation uses open pit mining methods, and employs cyanide heap leaching technology to produce gold. Since October 4, 2005, the Trenton Canyon Project has been in "Temporary Closure", but is expected to commence active leaching on June 10, 2006. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewal of the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewal permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the **last** date of publication of this notice (by **July 28, 2006**) to:

**Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation**

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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>

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